

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:              | § |                          |
| Dutta et al.                       | § |                          |
|                                    | § | Group Art Unit: 2128     |
| Serial No.: 10/016,437             | § |                          |
|                                    | § | Examiner: Hugh M. Jones  |
| Confirmation No.: 5333             | § |                          |
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| Filed: December 10, 2001           | § |                          |
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| For: Method For Shallow Water Flow | § | Atty. Dkt. No. 594-25576 |
| Detection                          | § | (WGEC0055)               |
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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c), request consideration of the following amendments prior to the examination of the attached Request for Continued Prosecution of the above identified application.

The extension of time fees and RCE fees have been paid using a credit card via EFS. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0055 for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.